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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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| International application No. PCT/JP2005/001342 | International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 31 January 2005 (31.01.2005) | Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 26 February 2004 (26.02.2004) |
| International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237 | | |
| Applicant DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD. | | |

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

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1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-7</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>4, 7</u> | YES |
| | Claims | <u>1-3, 5, 6</u> | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-7</u> | YES |
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Document 1: JP 2004-51937 A (Gakko Houjin Nihon Daigaku), 19 February 2004, claim 1
(Family: none)

The inventions relating to claims 1-3, 5 and 6 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR. As a polymer in a polymer composite material comprising nanodiamond dispersed in a polymer described in document 1, using a fluorinated elastomer (perfluoroelastomer) so as to make the obtained polymer composite material serve as a sealing material that is a typical application of a fluorinated elastomer composition would be easy for a party skilled in the art.

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